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FOR SHULMAN FM ASSIST SECY MAYNES

FOLLOWING REPEAT USUN 1522 ACTION SECSTATE DATED APR 19:

QTE:C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN NEW YORK 01522

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AORG, MARR, LE, IS, UR

SUBJECT: UN FINANCES: DEMARCHE TO SOVIETS ON UNIFIL
FINANCING

REFS: (A) USUN 1304, (B) USUN 1490

1. USUN HAS DETECTED NO MOVEMENT ON PART OF SOVIETS OR
EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AWAY FROM POSITION ADOPTED DURING
SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON RESOLUTIONS 425 AND 426 WITH
RESPECT TO FINANCING FOR UNIFIL. SOVIETS CONTINUE TO TAKE
LINE THAT "AGGRESSOR", I.E. ISRAEL, SHOULD PAY FULL COSTS
OF OPERATION. SOVIET MISOFF HAS INDICATED TO USUN OFFICER
THAT SOVIETS WILL MAKE THIS POINT IN UNIFIL FINANCING
DEBATE LATER THIS WEEK. THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS THAT
SOVIETS INTEND TO GENERATE POLITICAL DEBATE IN PLENARY
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OF 8TH SPECIAL SESSION OVER LEBANON SITUATION.

2. SOVIET TACTICS CAN BE DISTINCTLY UNHELPFUL TO US
EFFORTS OBTAIN SMOOTH PASSAGE OF UNIFIL BUDGET AND
ADOPTION OF FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS THAT WILL PUT IT ON
SOUND FOUNDATION. SOVIETS MAY BE SETTING STAGE FOR
ULTIMATE WITHHOLDING OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM UNIFIL.

SUCH WITHHOLDING WOULD, OF COURSE, WORSEN UN'S DEFICIT,
AND WOULD FURTHER DAMAGE EFFECTIVENESS UNIFIL.

3. CONSEQUENTLY, USUN RECOMMENDS TO DEPARTMENT THAT A
SENIOR MEMBER OF SECRETARY'S PARTY MAKE DEMARCHE DURING
CURRENT VISIT TO MOSCOW URGING SOVIETS NOT TO EXPLOIT
THIS SITUATION TO DETRIMENT OF UN. SOVIETS SHOULD BE
URGED TO PAY FULL ASSESSMENT FOR UNIFIL OPERATIONS, BUT
REALISTIC OBJECTIVE OF DEMARCHE SHOULD BE TO PERSUADE
THEM TO REFRAIN FROM DELIBERATE TROUBLEMAKING AT SPECIAL
SESSION.

4. IF DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH THIS APPROACH, WE SUGGEST
CAPTIONED MESSAGE TO MOSCOW FOR SHULMAN FROM APPROPRIATE
DEPARTMENT OFFICER AND LEONARD. YOUNG UNQTE CHRISTOPHER

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